

2005 BILL

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 447.06 (2) (a) 1., 2., 3., 4., 5., 6., 7. and 8., 447.06 (2) (b) and
2 447.06 (2) (c); *to renumber and amend* 447.06 (2) (a) (intro.); and *to amend*
3 447.01 (3) (d) of the statutes; **relating to:** dental hygienists.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a licensed dental hygienist may perform dental hygiene only as an employee or as an independent contractor, and only in certain locations, such as a dental office, a school facility, a local health department, or for certain charitable or nonprofit dental care facilities. Current law requires a licensed dentist to be present at most of the facilities where the hygienist performs dental hygiene, unless certain conditions are met. This bill allows a dental hygienist to perform dental hygiene as a volunteer, an employee, or an independent contractor and removes the references to the specific locations at which the dental hygienist may perform. In addition, this bill eliminates the requirement that a dentist be present when a hygienist performs dental hygiene.

Current law also provides that a licensed dental hygienist may perform certain duties, including preparing a patient's case history or recording of clinical findings. This bill allows a licensed dental hygienist to present a patient's case history or recording of clinical findings to the patient.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

BILL**SECTION 1**

SECTION 1. 447.01 (3) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

447.01 **(3)** (d) Conducting a substantive medical or dental history interview or preliminary examination of a dental patient's oral cavity or surrounding structures, including the preparation and presentation to a patient of a case history or recording of clinical findings.

SECTION 2. 447.06 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is renumbered 447.06 (2) (a) and amended to read:

447.06 **(2)** (a) A hygienist may practice dental hygiene or perform remediable procedures ~~only~~ as a volunteer, an employee, or as an independent contractor ~~and only as follows:~~.

SECTION 3. 447.06 (2) (a) 1., 2., 3., 4., 5., 6., 7. and 8. of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 4. 447.06 (2) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 5. 447.06 (2) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

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